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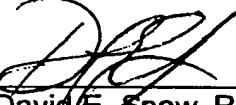
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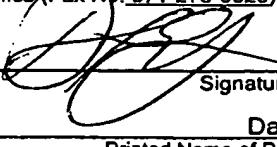
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 Jitsuyo Shinan Koho 1922-1996 Toroku Jitsuyo Shinan Koho 1994-2003
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Y A	JP 2002-349476 A (Taiwan Denshi Kogyo Kofun Yugenkoshi), 04 December, 2002 (04.12.02), Full text; Figs. 1 to 8 (Family: none)	1-4 5-13
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